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For: NEW SEQUENCE OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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**July 25, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE stamp of March 3, 2004. Specifically, a partially-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form was received with the Office Action of July 14, 2005. The partially-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form does not include however the Examiner's initials in the left-hand column next to reference #154 (EP 0463848) and reference #153 (UK 2239245). A completely-initialed copy of the previously-filed PTO-1449 Form is requested.

The Examiner is also requested to confirm that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in parent application Serial No. 08/362,455 as the Office Action of July 14, 2005 indicates that certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/362,455 however the Office Action does not indicate that all certified copies have been received.



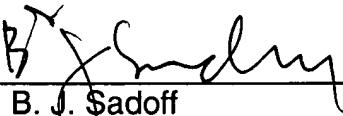
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The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of July 14, 2005, but rather to correct perceived error and/or inadequacy in the attachments of the Office Action of July 14, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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